

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the telephonic Interview conducted with the Applicant's representative on 1-22-2010. Claims 39-52 are pending and have been examined.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Pruner on 1-22-2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 51 is cancelled.

Please amend the following claims as shown:

39. A method comprising: receiving, over a global computer network, an unsolicited request from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system coupled to the global computer network to provide an identification of the second computer system;

in response to the request, providing a visual interface on the second computer system to notify both a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request providing a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with a first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system, and

based on a response of the user to the request, selectively communicating the key to a browser of the second computer system.

43. An article comprising a storage medium readable by a first processor-based system, the storage medium storing instructions to cause a processor of the first processor-based system to:

receive an unsolicited request over a global computer network from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system to provide an identification of the second computer system;

in response to the request, provide a visual interface on the second computer system to notify both a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system, and

based on a response of the user to the request, selectively communicating the key to a browser of the second computer system.

47. A system comprising: a database; and a first computer coupled to the database to:

receive an unsolicited request over a global computer network from a second computer coupled to the global computer network for the first computer to provide an identification of the first computer;

in response to the request, provide a visual interface on the first computer to notify both a user of the first computer of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the second computer, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the second computer with an identifier that identifies the first computer, and

based on a response of the user to the request, selectively communicating the key to a browser of the second computer system.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 39-50 and 52 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3869. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise, can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is: (571) 273-8300.

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